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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Dublin – Retailer Accused of Face Mask Price Gouging

(U) Save-On Supplies is accused of price gouging for face masks and has been ordered to offer refunds to any customers that may have overpaid, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. The company was also ordered to donate more than 5,000 surgical masks to the Alameda County Community Food Bank and 1,370 KN95 respiratory masks to the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services Agency, as well as pay \$18,000 in penalties.

SOURCE: 24 August 2020, [Mercury News](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Chiropractor Sentenced to Federal Prison on Fraud Charges

(U) A chiropractor was sentenced today to 46-months in federal prison for conspiring to defraud a labor union's health care benefit plan by offering kickbacks to patients for attending the clinic and by submitting approximately \$4.8 million in sham billings. Mahyar David Yadidi, 38, of West Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. From July 2016 to October 2018, Yadidi operated a scheme to defraud the International Longshore and Warehouse Union – Pacific Maritime Association (ILWU-PMA) health care benefit plan.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, [US DOJ](#)

(U) Rialto – Malware Attack Prompts School District to Suspend Online Classes

(U) The Rialto Unified School District announced it has suspended online learning after some of the district's technology was crippled by a malware attack. District officials said the malware – which is used to disrupt, damage or gain unauthorized access to a computer system – impacted the ability to provide online instruction. Distance learning has been discontinued indefinitely. Microsoft Outlook and the district's parent portal are down as a result of the malware.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, [ABC7](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – US Border Patrol Arrests Seven People on Panga Boat

(U) Encinitas – Border Patrol agents arrested seven people after a panga raced up to an Encinitas beach then several people scrambled out and took off running, an agent said. About 10:40 a.m., agents got a call about a small boat landing on the sand at Stonesteps Beach in the city's Leucadia area, Agent Wendi Lee said. Lee said agents found and arrested seven people and were still looking for six others. A total of 13 life jackets were found at the scene.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Nevada – Russian National Arrested for Conspiracy to Introduce Malware

(U) Las Vegas – Egor Igorevich Kriuchkov, 27, a citizen of Russia, was charged in a complaint with one count of conspiracy to intentionally cause damage to a protected computer. According to the complaint, from about 15 July, 2020 to about 22 August, 2020, Kriuchkov conspired with associates to recruit an employee of a company to introduce malware into the company's computer network. After the malware

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was introduced, Kriuchkov and his co-conspirators would extract data from the network and then threaten to make the information public, unless the company paid their ransom demand.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, [US DOJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Militants Carry out Bombing Against Military Base

(U) Balkh Province – On 25 August 2020, the Taliban militant group detonated a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) near a military base in the Balkh district of Balkh province, which is located approximately 12-miles northwest of the provincial capital, Mazar-e-Sharif. Local reports indicate that the explosion also damaged or destroyed at least 30 nearby homes. At least three people were killed – including two soldiers and a civilian – and approximately 30 civilians were injured.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, [VOA](#)

(U) Austria – Syrian Refugee Arrested After Assaulting Jewish Leader

(U) Graz – The 31-year-old refugee from Syria who was arrested after assaulting the leader of the Jewish community in Graz is believed to have had an Islamic extremist motive after corresponding evidence was seized at his apartment, Austrian authorities said. Community leader Elie Rosen saw a man throwing stones into the courtyard of a synagogue. Police say he spoke to the man, who then attacked him with a piece of wood. Police found stones in his backpack as well as a chair leg that he allegedly used as a club. The man is also suspected of causing damage at a Catholic church and an LGBT community center.

SOURCE: 24 August 2020, [ABC News](#)

(U) India – 19 Charged, Including 7 Pakistanis, Over Kashmir Bombing

(U) Delhi – India's National Investigation Agency charged 19 people, including 7 Pakistani nationals, over a deadly bomb attack on a security convoy in the Indian-controlled part of Kashmir last year. The bombing on 14 February 2019 killed 40 paramilitary policemen, leading to aerial clashes between India and Pakistan, two long-time, nuclear-armed rivals. Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Turkey – ISIS Suspect Detained After Planning Attack

(U) Ankara – Police in Istanbul have detained a suspected Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) militant who was allegedly scouting Istanbul's main Taksim Square and surrounding areas for an attack in the city, Turkey's state-run news agency reported. Anadolu Agency said the suspect was detained in an operation at a hotel in the low-income Kucukcekmece district. Police seized an automatic rifle, spare magazines and ammunition during the raid, the report said.

SOURCE: 25 August 2020, [AP News](#)

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